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EXPERIMENTS IN AGRO RESEARCH INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that benefits of successful experiments carried out at Agro Research Institutes in the country reach the farmers at the grassroot level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the average annual expenditure being incurred thereon in each State; and

(c) the spheres where latest research findings are utilized for agro-products alongwith the names of such crops, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The main extension system to reach the farmers at the grass-root level is operated by the State Governments. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has created a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country aiming at assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/product to the farmers developed by the National Agricultural Research Systems.

(b) A total of 551 KVKs were sanctioned till the end of 2006-07. During X Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07), the average annual expenditure was Rs. 164.97 crore. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(c) The research findings related to both crop production and protection including improved varieties, cultural practices, pest and disease management, tools and implements are utilized for increasing productivity of crops. The State-wise list of important crops are given in Annexure-II.